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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the present application.

German reference 37 21 577 discloses a process for manufacturing plastic sockets with metal inserts.

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German reference 41 17 167 discloses a metal insert which is laminated into a plastic part.

European reference 872 650 discloses a metal insert which is introduced into an opening in a plastic part while the plastic part is heated.

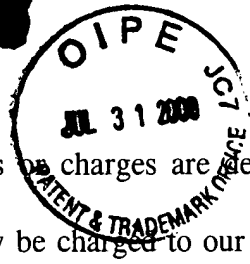
The above references are discussed in greater in the specification of the present application and the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to that discussion.

European reference 370 342 discloses a lightweight constructional element having plastic reinforcing ribs 3 that are connected to a basic body 1 at discreet points.

The present invention defines a specific plastic structural element with inserts which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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